Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 93

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to the Nomlaki Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 15, Aanestad. Nomlaki Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 5 in Tehama County as the Nomlaki Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, The people of the Nomlaki Indian Nation are the original native inhabitants of Tehama County and have lived in the region since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Historically, the Nomlaki greeted the Spanish explorers when they came into Tehama County with the Alferez Gabriel Moraga expedition in 1808; and

WHEREAS, The boundaries of the Nomlaki lands changed with the arrival of the Europeans, but once extended within the Sacramento River Valley, including most of present-day Tehama County; and

WHEREAS, The Nomlaki had a sophisticated social, political, and religious structure and were wise stewards of the land and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The original trails through the Mendocino National Forest and connecting the valley and the mountains were cleared and used by the Nomlaki, some of which evolved into current highways in Tehama and Glenn Counties; and

WHEREAS, Of its original 25,000 acres, the Nomlaki tribal government now has jurisdiction over approximately 2,300 acres of federal trust land concentrated in a reservation in Tehama County; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the portion of State Highway Route 5 between Gyle Road and Flores Avenue in Tehama County be officially designated as the Nomlaki Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

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Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and the author for appropriate distribution.